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Wildlife**

## Wings Over Alaska

Alaska Bird Checklist  
for (your name)

No. of species \_\_\_\_\_

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checklist with your  
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returned.

### SWANS and GEESE

- ☐ ☐ Bean Goose
- ☐ ☐ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ☐ ☐ Lesser White-fronted Goose
- ☐ ☐ Emperor Goose
- ☐ ☐ Snow Goose
- ☐ ☐ Ross's Goose
- ☐ ☐ Brant
- ☐ ☐ Cackling Goose
- ☐ ☐ Canada Goose
- ☐ ☐ Trumpeter Swan
- ☐ ☐ Tundra Swan
- ☐ ☐ Whooper Swan

### DUCKS

- ☐ ☐ Wood Duck
- ☐ ☐ Gadwall
- ☐ ☐ Falcated Duck
- ☐ ☐ Eurasian Wigeon
- ☐ ☐ American Wigeon
- ☐ ☐ American Black Duck
- ☐ ☐ Mallard
- ☐ ☐ Spot-billed Duck

- ☐ ☐ Blue-winged Teal
- ☐ ☐ Cinnamon Teal
- ☐ ☐ Northern Shoveler
- ☐ ☐ Northern Pintail
- ☐ ☐ Garganey
- ☐ ☐ Baikai Teal
- ☐ ☐ Green-winged Teal
- ☐ ☐ Canvasback
- ☐ ☐ Redhead
- ☐ ☐ Common Pochard
- ☐ ☐ Ring-necked Duck
- ☐ ☐ Tufted Duck
- ☐ ☐ Greater Scaup
- ☐ ☐ Lesser Scaup
- ☐ ☐ Steller's Eider
- ☐ ☐ Spectacled Eider
- ☐ ☐ King Eider
- ☐ ☐ Common Eider
- ☐ ☐ Harlequin Duck
- ☐ ☐ Surf Scoter
- ☐ ☐ White-winged Scoter
- ☐ ☐ Black Scoter
- ☐ ☐ Long-tailed Duck
- ☐ ☐ Bufflehead
- ☐ ☐ Common Goldeneye
- ☐ ☐ Barrow's Goldeneye
- ☐ ☐ Smew
- ☐ ☐ Hooded Merganser
- ☐ ☐ Common Merganser
- ☐ ☐ Red-breasted Merganser
- ☐ ☐ Ruddy Duck

### GROUSE, PTARMIGAN

- ☐ ☐ Ruffed Grouse
- ☐ ☐ Spruce Grouse
- ☐ ☐ Willow Ptarmigan
- ☐ ☐ Rock Ptarmigan
- ☐ ☐ White-tailed Ptarmigan

- ☐ ☐ Blue Grouse
- ☐ ☐ Sharp-tailed Grouse

### LOONS

- ☐ ☐ Red-throated Loon
- ☐ ☐ Arctic Loon
- ☐ ☐ Pacific Loon
- ☐ ☐ Common Loon
- ☐ ☐ Yellow-billed Loon

### GREBES

- ☐ ☐ Pied-billed Grebe
- ☐ ☐ Horned Grebe
- ☐ ☐ Red-necked Grebe
- ☐ ☐ Eared Grebe
- ☐ ☐ Western Grebe
- ☐ ☐ [Clark's Grebe]

### ALBATROSSES

- ☐ ☐ Shy Albatross
- ☐ ☐ Laysan Albatross
- ☐ ☐ Black-footed Albatross
- ☐ ☐ Short-tailed Albatross

### PETRELS, SHEARWATERS

- ☐ ☐ Northern Fulmar
- ☐ ☐ Mottled Petrel
- ☐ ☐ Cook's Petrel
- ☐ ☐ Pink-footed Shearwater
- ☐ ☐ [Flesh-footed Shearwater]
- ☐ ☐ Greater Shearwater
- ☐ ☐ Buller's Shearwater
- ☐ ☐ Sooty Shearwater
- ☐ ☐ Short-tailed Shearwater
- ☐ ☐ [Manx Shearwater]
- ☐ ☐ [Little Shearwater]
- ☐ ☐ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
- ☐ ☐ Leach's Storm-Petrel

### PELICANS, CORMORANTS

- ☐ ☐ American White Pelican
- ☐ ☐ Brown Pelican
- ☐ ☐ Brandt's Cormorant
- ☐ ☐ Double-Crested Cormorant
- ☐ ☐ Red-faced Cormorant
- ☐ ☐ Pelagic Cormorant

### FRIGATEBIRDS

- ☐ ☐ Magnificent Frigatebird

### BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS

- ☐ ☐ American Bittern
- ☐ ☐ Yellow Bittern
- ☐ ☐ Great Blue Heron
- ☐ ☐ [Gray Heron]
- ☐ ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ ☐ Chinese Egret
- ☐ ☐ Little Egret
- ☐ ☐ [Snowy Egret]

- ☐ ☐ Chinese Pond-Heron
- ☐ ☐ Cattle Egret
- ☐ ☐ Green Heron
- ☐ ☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron

### VULTURES, HAWKS, FALCONS

- ☐ ☐ Turkey Vulture
- ☐ ☐ Osprey
- ☐ ☐ Bald Eagle
- ☐ ☐ White-tailed Eagle
- ☐ ☐ Steller's Sea-Eagle
- ☐ ☐ Northern Harrier
- ☐ ☐ [Gray Frog-Hawk]
- ☐ ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ☐ ☐ [Cooper's Hawk]
- ☐ ☐ Northern Goshawk
- ☐ ☐ Swainson's Hawk
- ☐ ☐ Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ ☐ [Common Buzzard]
- ☐ ☐ Rough-legged Hawk
- ☐ ☐ Golden Eagle
- ☐ ☐ Eurasian Kestrel
- ☐ ☐ American Kestrel
- ☐ ☐ Merlin
- ☐ ☐ Eurasian Hobby
- ☐ ☐ Gyrfalcon
- ☐ ☐ Peregrine Falcon

### RAILS, COOTS

- ☐ ☐ [Yellow Rail]
- ☐ ☐ Virginia Rail
- ☐ ☐ [Baillon's Crake]
- ☐ ☐ Sora

- ☐ ☐ Eurasian Coot
- ☐ ☐ American Coot

### CRANES

- ☐ ☐ Sandhill Crane
- ☐ ☐ Common Crane

### PLOVERS

- ☐ ☐ Black-bellied Plover
- ☐ ☐ European Golden-Plover
- ☐ ☐ American Golden-Plover
- ☐ ☐ Pacific Golden-Plover
- ☐ ☐ Lesser Sand-Plover
- ☐ ☐ Snowy Plover
- ☐ ☐ Common Ringed Plover

- ☐ ☐ Semipalmated Plover
- ☐ ☐ Little Ringed Plover
- ☐ ☐ Killdeer

### OYSTERCATCHER STILTS, AVOCETS

- ☐ ☐ Black Oystercatcher
- ☐ ☐ Black-winged Stilt
- ☐ ☐ American Avocet

### SANDPIPERS

- ☐ ☐ Common Greenshank
- ☐ ☐ Greater Yellowlegs
- ☐ ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ☐ ☐ Marsh Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Spotted Redshank
- ☐ ☐ Wood Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Green Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Solitary Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ [Willet]
- ☐ ☐ Wandering Tattler
- ☐ ☐ Gray-tailed Tattler
- ☐ ☐ Common Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Spotted Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Terek Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Upland Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Little Curlew

- ☐ ☐ Eskimo Curlew
- ☐ ☐ Whimbrel
- ☐ ☐ Bristle-thighed Curlew
- ☐ ☐ Far Eastern Curlew
- ☐ ☐ [Long-billed Curlew]
- ☐ ☐ Black-tailed Godwit
- ☐ ☐ Hudsonian Godwit
- ☐ ☐ Bar-tailed Godwit
- ☐ ☐ Marbled Godwit
- ☐ ☐ Ruddy Turnstone
- ☐ ☐ Black Turnstone
- ☐ ☐ Surfbird
- ☐ ☐ Great Knot
- ☐ ☐ Red Knot
- ☐ ☐ Sanderling
- ☐ ☐ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Western Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Red-necked Stint
- ☐ ☐ Little Stint

- ☐ ☐ Temminck's Stint
- ☐ ☐ Long-toed Stint
- ☐ ☐ Least Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Baird's Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Purple Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Rock Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Dunlin
- ☐ ☐ Curlew Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Stilt Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Spoonbill Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Broad-billed Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- ☐ ☐ Ruff
- ☐ ☐ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ☐ ☐ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ☐ ☐ Jack Snipe
- ☐ ☐ Wilson's Snipe
- ☐ ☐ Common Snipe
- ☐ ☐ Pin-tailed Snipe
- ☐ ☐ Wilson's Phalarope
- ☐ ☐ Red-necked Phalarope
- ☐ ☐ Red Phalarope

### JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS

- ☐ ☐ Oriental Pratincole
- ☐ ☐ South Polar Skua
- ☐ ☐ Pomarine Jaeger
- ☐ ☐ Parasitic Jaeger
- ☐ ☐ Long-tailed Jaeger
- ☐ ☐ [Laughing Gull]
- ☐ ☐ Franklin's Gull
- ☐ ☐ Little Gull
- ☐ ☐ Black-headed Gull
- ☐ ☐ Bonaparte's Gull
- ☐ ☐ Heerman's Gull
- ☐ ☐ Black-tailed Gull
- ☐ ☐ Mew Gull
- ☐ ☐ Ring-billed Gull
- ☐ ☐ California Gull
- ☐ ☐ Herring Gull
- ☐ ☐ Iceland Gull (incl. Thayer's)
- ☐ ☐ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- ☐ ☐ Slaty-backed Gull

- ☐ ☐ Western Gull
- ☐ ☐ Glaucous-winged Gull
- ☐ ☐ Glaucous Gull
- ☐ ☐ Great Black-backed Gull
- ☐ ☐ Sabine's Gull
- ☐ ☐ Black-legged Kittiwake
- ☐ ☐ Red-legged Kittiwake
- ☐ ☐ Ross' Gull
- ☐ ☐ Ivory Gull
- ☐ ☐ Caspian Tern
- ☐ ☐ Common Tern
- ☐ ☐ Arctic Tern
- ☐ ☐ Aleutian Tern
- ☐ ☐ Sooty Tern
- ☐ ☐ White-winged Tern
- ☐ ☐ Black Tern

### AUKS, PUFFINS, MURRES

- ☐ ☐ Dovekie
- ☐ ☐ Common Murre
- ☐ ☐ Thick-billed Murre
- ☐ ☐ Black Guillemot
- ☐ ☐ Pigeon Guillemot
- ☐ ☐ Long-billed Murrelet
- ☐ ☐ Marbled Murrelet
- ☐ ☐ Kittlitz's Murrelet
- ☐ ☐ Ancient Murrelet
- ☐ ☐ Cassin's Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Parakeet Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Least Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Whiskered Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Crested Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Rhinoceros Auklet
- ☐ ☐ Horned Puffin
- ☐ ☐ Tufted Puffin

### DOVES, CUCKOOS

- ☐ ☐ Band-tailed Pigeon
- ☐ ☐ Oriental Turtle-Dove
- ☐ ☐ White-winged Dove
- ☐ ☐ Mourning Dove
- ☐ ☐ Common Cuckoo
- ☐ ☐ Oriental Cuckoo
- ☐ ☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

### OWLS

- ☐ ☐ Oriental Scops-Owl
- ☐ ☐ Western Screech-Owl

Local checklists that include seasonal abundance for a particular area will be most useful as field checklists.

Great Horned Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Northern Hawk Owl  
r Northern Pygmy-Owl  
r Barred Owl  
Great Gray Owl  
a Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared Owl  
Boreal Owl  
Northern Saw-whet Owl

**NIGHT JARS**

a Lesser Nighthawk  
r Common Nighthawk  
a Whip-poor-will  
a Gray Nightjar

**SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS**

Black Swift  
a Chimney Swift  
Vaux's Swift  
a White-throated Needletail  
a Common Swift  
c Fork-tailed Swift  
a Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
c Anna's Hummingbird  
c Costa's Hummingbird  
[Calliope Hummingbird]  
Rufous Hummingbird

**HOOPES, KINGFISHERS**

a Eurasian Hoopoe  
Belted Kingfisher

**WOODPECKERS**

a Eurasian Wryneck  
c Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Red-breasted Sapsucker  
c Great Spotted Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker  
Black-backed Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
[Pileated Woodpecker]

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Western Wood-Pewee  
r Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Alder Flycatcher  
c Willow Flycatcher  
c Least Flycatcher  
Hammond's Flycatcher  
c Dusky Flycatcher  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
a Black Phoebe  
c Eastern Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe

[Ash-throated Flycatcher]

a Great Crested Flycatcher  
c Tropical Kingbird  
c Western Kingbird  
c Eastern Kingbird  
c Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

**SHRIKES**

c Brown Shrike  
Northern Shrike

**VIREOS**

c Cassin's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
c Philadelphia Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo

**JAYS, CROWS**

Gray Jay  
Steller's Jay  
c Clark's Nutcracker  
Black-billed Magpie  
r American Crow  
Northwestern Crow  
Common Raven

**LARKS**

r Sky Lark  
Horned Lark

**SWALLOWS**

c Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Violet-green Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged  
r Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
c Common House-Martin

**CHICKADEES**

Black-capped Chickadee  
c Mountain Chickadee  
Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
Boreal Chickadee  
r Gray-headed Chickadee  
[Great Tit]

**NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, WRENS, DIPPERS**

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Winter Wren  
American Dipper

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS, THRUSHES, and ALLIES**

Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Middendorff's Grasshopper-  
c Warbler  
a Lanceolated Warbler  
a Willow Warbler  
a Wood Warbler  
c Dusky Warbler  
a Yellow-browed Warbler  
Arctic Warbler  
a Lesser Whitethroat  
a Narcissus Flycatcher  
[Mugimaki Flycatcher]  
c Red-breasted Flycatcher  
c Dark-sided Flycatcher  
c Gray-streaked Flycatcher  
a Asian Brown Flycatcher  
a Spotted Flycatcher  
a [Rufous-tailed Robin]  
r Siberian Rubythroat  
Bluethroat  
a Siberian Blue Robin  
c Red-flanked Bluetail  
Northern Wheatear  
c Stonechat  
r Mountain Bluebird  
Townsend's Solitaire  
c Veery  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush

r Eyebrowed Thrush  
c Dusky Thrush  
c Fieldfare  
American Robin  
Varied Thrush

**MIMIDS, STARLINGS**

a Gray Catbird  
c Northern Mockingbird  
a Brown Thrasher  
European Starling

**ACCENTORS, WAGTAILS, PIPITS**

c Siberian Accentor  
Yellow Wagtail  
c Gray Wagtail  
r White Wagtail  
c Tree Pipit  
c Olive-backed Pipit  
c Pechora Pipit  
c Red-throated Pipit  
American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

Bohemian Waxwing  
Cedar Waxwing

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

r Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
a Nashville Warbler  
a [Northern Parula]  
Yellow Warbler  
a Chestnut-sided Warbler  
r Magnolia Warbler  
c Cape May Warbler  
a Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
[Black-throated  
Gray Warbler]  
Black-throated  
a Green Warbler  
Townsend's Warbler  
[Hermit Warbler]  
a Prairie Warbler  
c Palm Warbler  
[Bay-breasted Warbler]  
Blackpoll Warbler  
c Black-and-white Warbler

American Redstart  
c Ovenbird  
Northern Waterthrush  
[Kentucky Warbler]  
a Mourning Warbler  
MacGillivray's Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
a Canada Warbler

**TANAGERS**

a Scarlet Tanager  
Western Tanager

**SPARROWS and ALLIES**

c Spotted Towhee  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
c Clay-colored Sparrow  
Brewer's Sparrow  
a Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
c Swamp Sparrow  
r White-throated Sparrow  
c Harris' Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Lapland Longspur  
Smith's Longspur  
[Chestnut-collared  
Longspur]

a Pine Bunting  
c Little Bunting  
r Rustic Bunting  
a Yellow-throated Bunting  
c Yellow-breasted Bunting

a Gray Bunting  
c Pallas's Bunting  
c Reed Bunting  
Snow Bunting  
McKay's Bunting

**CARDINAL ALLIES**

c Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
c Black-headed Grosbeak

a Blue Grosbeak  
a Lazuli Bunting  
c Indigo Bunting  
a Dickcissel  
**BLACKBIRDS**  
c Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
c Western Meadowlark  
c Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Rusty Blackbird  
c Brewer's Blackbird  
c Common Grackle  
r Brown-headed Cowbird  
a Orchard Oriole  
[Bullock's Oriole]

**FINCHES**

Brambling  
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch  
Pine Grosbeak  
c Common Rosefinch  
c Purple Finch  
c Cassin's Finch  
c House Finch  
Red Crossbill  
White-winged Crossbill  
Common Redpoll  
Hoary Redpoll  
a Eurasian Siskin  
Pine Siskin  
a American Goldfinch  
c Oriental Greenfinch  
c Eurasian Bullfinch  
c Evening Grosbeak  
c Hawfinch

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

c House Sparrow

**a – accidental**

**c – casual**

**r – rare**

**! – last documented in Alaska in 1886**

**[ ] – unsubstantiated, Alaska photo needed**

**RARE BIRD ALERTS:**

Report birds listed for Alaska as (a) accidental, (c) casual, or [unsubstantiated] as soon as possible to experienced local birders or 465-5157 (leave details and contact information).

Report locally accidental or casual species to contacts listed on local checklists.

**accidental** “an exceptional occurrence that might not be repeated again for decades; usually fewer than five records.” (West)

**casual** “less than annually, but there tends to be a pattern over time at the right time of year in appropriate habitat.” (West)

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